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Dear Rob,

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission samples salmon at the Bonneville Dam Adult Fish Facility under Permit 1379. Up until 2004, we sampled sockeye, Chinook, and coho salmon. In 2004 we substituted steelhead for coho but we still incidentally send approximately 5 coho per day through the sampling facilities. We believe that these were most likely unlisted salmon returning to rivers and hatcheries upstream of Bonneville Dam. We have had no coho mortalities to date.

In 2005, we expect to sample Chinook and steelhead on approximately 15 dates when coho may be present. If we continue to incidentally trap about 5 coho per day, as we have in the past, that equates to a total of up to 75<sup>adult</sup> coho that could be handled this season. These fish will be anesthetized, moved to the recovery area, allowed to recover, and released. We anticipate no coho mortalities from this incidental handling during our sampling activity. We are unsure how many, if any, of these fish may be listed Lower Columbia River ESU coho. According to Stuart Ellis of the U.S. v. Oregon Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), TAC does not think there are any measurable impacts on ESA-listed coho populations in tribal fisheries above Bonneville Dam. TAC would also presume that there are no measurable impacts to listed coho from sampling activities at Bonneville and, if there were, these would be negligible and there would be no way to measure it.

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Jeff Fryer  
Fisheries Scientist